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**Sen. Hammerstrom continues to be strong voice for children**  
*Hammerstrom lends a helping hand to raise money for fourth annual  
Children's Trust Fund of Michigan*

**LANSING** – State Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, joined her colleagues today at a press conference at the Capitol to promote the Cherish the Children-Ultimate Fantasy Auction, an upcoming fundraiser which will benefit the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan (CTF).

The Cherish the Children-Ultimate Fantasy Auction offers participants an opportunity to bid on "dream items" such as becoming a fighter pilot for a day and maneuvering an F-16 through the sky, attending a taping of "Emeril Live" in New York City, or visiting the filming location of the hit television show "Lost." All proceeds benefit the CTF.

"Each year, we receive such exciting items for the Ultimate Fantasy Auction," Hammerstrom said. "There are so many who come together to show their support for Michigan's children and help to make this event a great success. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Fantasy Auction is yet another great way to raise awareness."

In addition to the auction, the CTF is funded by interest income from a restricted trust fund, direct donations, grants, earned income and fees from the purchase of the Children's License Plate.

The CTF is the only statewide, non-profit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The CTF works in partnership with its 72 local councils to serve 81 of Michigan's 83 counties. Local councils are independent, community-based organizations that identify needs and facilitate collaborative prevention programs for children and families in their community.

The auction is open to the public and will take place on Tuesday, May 2 at Michigan State University's Jack Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing. For more information about the auction or to purchase tickets, please call the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan at 1-800-CHILDREN.

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